

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 17th April 2016

Contest Results

The results of the 2 Metres Counties Contest held on Easter Monday have been published, full details can be seen at www.irts.ie/results One SWL log and 25 amateur station logs were submitted, showing QSOs in 29 EI and GI counties, the missing counties being Cavan, Longford and Roscommon. Congratulations to the section winners.

IRTS AGM 2016

A very fruitful IRTS AGM was held in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Ennis Road, hosted by Limerick Radio Club. The hard work and dedication of everyone involved paid off as everything was to plan.

The Saturday afternoon talks proved to be very popular by the numbers attending. Those attending the dinner on the Saturday night enjoyed a sumptuous and delicious dinner.

The AGM prize giving event proved as popular as ever and full details of award and trophy recipients can be viewed on the IRTS web site at www.irts.ie/awards .

Amateur Station Licence Examination

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 2nd June in the ComReg Offices in Dublin and at other centers if warranted by the numbers. Quite a few applications have been received so those intending to sit the examination should apply very soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at www.irts.ie/exam . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination.

If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form.

The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday, 19th May.

Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are available

on the Downloads section of the website at www.irts.ie/downloads under Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate. These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination. Intending candidates are advised to pay particular attention to the syllabus for the examination especially Annexes 1 and 2.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group

Kerry Amateur Radio Group will participate as an Award Station in this year's International Marconi Day event on Saturday 23rd April.

The station will be set up at Colaiste Brhreanainn on the site of the former Marconi Station at Ballybunnion, Co. Kerry by the Expeditionary Radio Team of the radio club and will be operated by club members for the full duration of the event from 0000z to 2359 on 23rd April. Two HF stations are planned for this year on the site and it is anticipated to be very busy as we are registered as an Award Station this year.

The special event callsign EI6YXQ will be used to commemorate the original callsign of YXQ used by the Marconi Station in Ballybunnion which made the first transatlantic voice radio transmission in March 1919 to the Marconi Station located at Louisberg, Cape Breton in Nova Scotia, Newfoundland in the East to West direction.

The number 6 is used in the callsign as a tribute to the late John O'Carroll EI6AH who organised the event for many years over a decade ago welcoming many amateur radio operators through the doors and always making sure that everyone had a cup of tea and plenty to eat. The welcome extended by John and his family was legendary, embodying the spirit of amateur radio and friendship.

A QRZ.com page for EI6YXQ has been set up in addition to having a special QSL card printed for the event. The QSL card can be seen on the QRZ.com page. We intend to upload the log of contacts to the page also and access permitting we will endeavour to post updates from the station over the course of the event.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group are looking forward to working as many stations as possible as well as having an enjoyable weekend at the station.

Avondhu Rado Club - AGM 2015

A well attended Avondhu Radio Club AGM was held in Rathcormac on 22nd Feburary at 8.30pm. The club is in its 3rd year and was first active in September of 2013 for the IRTS SSB Field Day.

Classes commenced in September. We wish all those sitting the exam, the best of luck and success.

Denis O'Flaherty EI4KH was re-elected Secretary. Gerard Scannell EI5KF was re-elected Chairman. Hans Krauss EI9GRB was elected Treasurer.

Gerard EI5KF gave the "Roseville Cup" to the Avondhu Radio Club. It was proposed to donate this fine cup to the IRTS. It has been decided, this silver trophy will be awarded to the winners of the 40m Counties SSB/CW Fixed Section.

Achievements for 2015 were reviewed and a strategy for up coming events in 2016 were discussed.

In the CQWW SSB Contest 2015, EI1E came 1st in Ireland, 12th in EU and 24th in World. This was the first Multi-operator low power entry from Ireland for this event.

After the 2015 IRTS SSB Field Day, a log was entered in the DARC SSB FD, achieving 5th place in the DX section.

DX News

Mike DF8AN will be QRV as 9M0S from the Spratly Islands from 19th to 29th April. He will operate from Layang-Layang Island on 160m to 6m mainly using CW. QSL to the home call.

Elvira IV3FSG was active as E44YL from Bethlehem, Palestine in March/April. She is now due to visit the Democratic Republic of the Congo and will operate as 9Q0HQ/1 from 22nd to 30th April. This will be followed by using the callsign 9Q0HQ from 1st to 30th May. The QSL Manager is IK3GES.

A group of Italian amateurs will use the callsign TK9C from Corsica Island from 22nd to 25th April. They will be on CW, SSB and Digital. QSL Manager is IK2AHB>

Doug VK4ADX will operate holiday style from Norfolk Island from 23rd April to 2nd May. While there he will use the callsign VK9NU and be on SSB only. Logs will be uploaded to Logbook of The World.

International Marconi Day

This year IMD will be held on Saturday 23rd April with many special event stations on-air, which count as points towards the Marconi Award. Certificates are available

for both transmitting stations and SWL stations. A list of participating special event stations may be found at gx4crc.com/imd-stations/ A Facebook page is also available by International Marconi Day – GB4IMD in the search area.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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